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Summary Information

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Abstract	<p>The Barbee family's roots in Chatham County date back to the eighteenth century. Christopher Barbee, son of John and Ann Miller Barbee of Middlesex County Virginia, came to Orange County, North Carolina sometime in the late eighteenth century along with his wife Margaret and three of his brothers. His son also named Christopher, married to Dicey Hopson, owned land in Chatham County as early as 1785. Christopher died young leaving behind another son named Christopher. The collection primarily focuses on the family of this Christopher Barbee, particularly his son William A. Barbee.</p>
Abstract	<p>These are the papers of the Barbee family of Chatham County. The greater part of the collection contains papers related to William A. Barbee, son of Christopher and Jeaney Shephard, and his immediate family members from the late 1700s to early 1900s. The earliest documents, beginning in 1785, are land records from Chatham County. Land, estate, and court records continue into the nineteenth century and make up a large part of the collection. Other early records include correspondence starting in 1859 and continue through the Civil War and beyond. A portion of the letters, written from the battlefield, are from William A. to his wife and from a son who is a member of the 6th Regiment North Carolina Infantry. The collection also includes writings, as well as correspondence, papers, and</p>

photographs from the youngest son of William A. Barbee who served in World War I.

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Biographical and Historical Note

Christopher Barbee

Christopher Barbee was born in Chatham County in 1792, to Christopher and Dicey Hopson Barbee. His mother was pregnant with him when his father died. Accordingly, the elder Christopher stated in his will that if his wife had a male child, he would later inherit his land. The elder Christopher presumably owned a sizable farm in Chatham County considering that in 1840 he worked about 15 slaves and 16 other agriculture employees. After his marriage to Jane (Jeaney) Shepherd in January 1814, he and his wife continued to live in Chatham County. They had eight children. Christopher Barbee died in 1860. Interestingly, a cousin (son of his father's brother), also named Christopher (known as Old Kit) donated much of the land to the state of North Carolina for the building of the University of North Carolina.

William A. Barbee

William A Barbee was born in Chatham County in 1816, to Christopher and Jeaney (Shepherd) Barbee. He married Eliza Harward (1814-1887), also of Chatham County. William A. Barbee was a farmer in Chatham County prior to enlisting in the Confederate Army at age 48. He was elected 1st Lieutenant for the 6th Regiment, North Carolina Senior Reserves, Company E in 1864. Among the duties of the Regiment in which he served was guarding the Salisbury Prison, a Confederate prison camp, and hunting deserters. William A. married his second wife, Patsy Beavers (1853-1814) in 1889. An obituary from the *Charlotte Observer*, March 25, 1908 credits Mr. Barbee with assisting in furnishing material for the State Capital Building in Raleigh. He is buried in the Mount Pisgah Church cemetery in Chatham County.

William A. and Eliza had a family of four sons and four daughters. William Thomas Clingman (1837-1903), married Rebecca Trice. Henry B (1839-1862) died in Virginia while serving in the Civil War. Rufus Haywood (1841-1921) was married twice (2nd time Emily Burgess). Margaret Ann (1849-1924) married Joseph Scott. The eldest sons, Thomas C. and Henry H, and Rufus H, served in the 6th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. Little is known about Cornelia (b.1844), Frances, William (b. 1853) and Milly (b. 1855) except that they all died in 1907.

William Thomas Clingman Barbee

William Thomas Clingman Barbee was born in Chatham County in 1837, to William A. and Eliza Barbee. Thomas C. enlisted in the Confederate Army on May 28, 1861 at the age of 24 and was a member of the 6th Regiment North Carolina Infantry, Company I, also known as the Cedar Fork Rifles. He was wounded at Gaines' Mill, Virginia in 1862 and later was promoted to corporal on August 1, 1863. He surrendered with his unit at Appomattox. He later married Rebecca Trice in 1867 and had nine children. He died in Durham County in 1907.

Rufus H. Barbee

Rufus Haywood Barbee was born in Chatham County in 1841, to William A. and Eliza Barbee. Rufus Haywood enlisted in the Confederate Army on May 28, 1861 at the age of 19 and was a member of

the 6th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry, Company I, also known as the Cedar Fork Rifles. He was wounded at Seven Pines, Virginia in 1862. Rufus H. was first captured in Maryland in September 1862 and later transferred to Virginia for exchange. He was first promoted to corporal and later to sergeant. He was captured twice more, the second time in the hospital in Richmond, Virginia in 1865, but was later released. Rufus Barbee was married twice. His second wife was Emily B. Burgess, and they had one daughter, Lydia Barbee. They lived in Cary, Wake County. Rufus Haywood died in Wake County in 1921.

Walter Jackson Barbee

Walter Jackson Barbee was born in Chatham County in 1886 to Patsy (Beavers) Barbee and William A. Barbee. He worked as a carpenter in Virginia until 1918 when he enlisted as a Private in the Army. He would rise to the rank of Sergeant in the 483rd Aero Squadron stationed at Camp Lee, Virginia. Walter Jackson served in France during WWI. He was discharged, February 26, 1919 and received his Victory Medal in 1920. In 1921 he was admitted to the U.S. Veteran's Hospital in Oteen, North Carolina where he was treated for pulmonary tuberculosis. He remained hospitalized until 1924. He married Virginia Burnett from Virginia in 1907. They lived in both Virginia and Durham, North Carolina. The couple had four children. Mr. Barbee died in Sandston, Virginia in 1968.

Sources:

U.S. Census of 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 North Carolina; Marriage Collection, 1741-2004; North Carolina Death Certificates, ; North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster; A Study of the Barbee Families of Chatham, Orange and Wake Counties in North Carolina, Compiled by Ruth Herndon Shields, Belle Lewler West, Kathryn C. Stone [found in the North Carolina Genealogy Library]; Charlotte Observer, 25 March 1908; Bibliographical information found within papers. For more information on the history of the Cedar Fork Rifles and a picture of Private William Thomas C. Barbee visit the Morrisville Civil War Battlefield Preservation website.

Collection Overview

These are the papers of the Barbee family of Chatham County. The greater part of the collection contains papers related to William A. Barbee and his immediate family members. The earliest documents, beginning in 1785, are land records from Chatham County. William A. Barbee served as executor to several estates including his father, Christopher Barbee and uncle, Mordecai Barbee. These records as well as legal documents from various Barbee family members are a large part of the collection. Of particular interest are slave bills of sale (5) most of which belong to Christopher Barbee (father of William A.).

The greater part of the Barbee letters are Civil War era from William A. Barbee to his wife, Eliza and Thomas C. Barbee (son of William A.) to his family back home in Chatham County. Both men detail life experiences in camp and being away from home for an extended period of time. Other letters are from

family members living in Arkansas and Mississippi. These letters primarily discuss family matters and farming. There are nine account ledger books some of which belong to William A. Barbee and seem to record business activities in regard to the sale of building materials. It is plausible Mr. Barbee owned a building supply business considering an agreement in the collection between the State of North Carolina and W.A. Barbee and R. D. Sears to build a dam, sawmill, and cotton gin on Panther Creek in Chatham County in 1867. A few papers belonging to Rufus Barbee, son of William A., document him as a student at the Ruffin Badge Institute, a school located in Chatham County from 1869-1872.

Additionally, there are writings some of which are musings, copied plays, and poems by an unknown author with an unknown date. Miscellaneous items include a Confederate ten dollar bill, receipts for Confederate bonds, and a portion of a document from the Confederate War Department granting permission to visit North Carolina. Also included is a linen cap worn by Patsy Beavers Barbee as a baby.

A smaller part of the collection are papers from Walter Jackson Barbee, a later heir of William A. Barbee. His papers included writings, correspondence, both personal and business, and photographs. The greater part of his personal letters are from his mother, Patsy Barbee. The majority of his correspondence pertains to his Army career serving in France during World War I and his later stay at the U.S. Veteran's Hospital in Oteen, North Carolina, 1921-1924. Photographs document him and unknown family members, his squadron, and pictures of the Veteran's hospital. There is a small collection of postcards from around the country written to him while he was hospitalized. Additionally there is a small collection of poems and musings written on small pieces of paper.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged into the following four series: Land, Estate and Court Records; Family Correspondence and Papers; Ledgers and Account Books; and Walter J. Barbee Correspondence and Papers. These series are further divided into subseries. The files within the series or subseries are arranged by topic, based on the type of material and chronologically therein. Oversized materials are also listed separately at the end of the finding aid.

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Related Collections

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS) <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Confederate States of America. Army. North Carolina Infantry Regiment, 6th. Company I.
- Confederate States of America. Army. North Carolina Infantry Regiment, 6th. Senior Reserves.
- United States. Army Air Forces. Aero Company, 483rd.

Genre(s)

- Indentures

Geographic Name(s)

- Chatham County (N.C.)
- Durham County (N.C.)

Personal Name(s)

- Banks, William
- Barbee, Christopher
- Barbee, Eliza
- Barbee, Henry B.
- Barbee, Matthew
- Barbee, Mordecai
- Barbee, Patsy
- Barbee, Rufus Haywood
- Barbee, Sgt. Walter J.
- Barbee, William Thomas Clingman
- Castlebury, J.C.
- O'Kelly, Franklin

Subject(s)

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- Civil War, 1861-1865
- Courts--North Carolina
- Estates--North Carolina
- Military hospitals--North Carolina--Oteen.
- World War, 1914-1918

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Land, Estate, and Court Records,

Collection Inventory

Land, Estate, and Court Records, 1785-1889

Consists of indentures, deeds and plats, miscellaneous land records, slave bills of sale, estate records, receipts from W.A. Barbee and those estates for which he was executor, and court records for various family members. Miscellaneous land records include plats and several land related agreements, including a construction agreement to build a dam and sawmill. William A. Barbee was the executor for the estate of his father, Christopher Barbee, his uncle Mordecai Barbee, and for Franklin O'Kelly [married to his sister Elizabeth Barbee O'Kelly]. Papers and receipts related to these estates are organized by name. Among the court records are subpoenas, court summons, power of attorney, and a warrant in bankruptcy for Matthew Barbee (brother of William A.).

Land Records, 1785-1867, undated**Box**

Indentures, 1785-1829

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1785 August 18, Land Indenture in Chatham County between Ephraim Beasley and Christopher Barbee

1793 April 9, Land Indenture in Chatham County between Sanford Jenkins and Ephraim Beezley

1806 February 1, between Samuel Beale of Chatham County and Edmund Lord of Wake County for a parcel of land in Wake County

Land Records,

1817 October 27 between Polly Johnson of Wake County and James Morris of Chatham County for a part of land in Chatham County allotted to her as her dower after the death of her husband, Israel Johnson

1825 October 17 between James Morris of Wake County and Christopher Barbee of Chatham County for a part of land in Chatham County allotted to Polly Johnson as her dower after the death of her husband, Israel Johnson

1829 February 28 between H. Williams as guardian for Bartley Johnson of Chatham County and Mordecai Barbee of Chatham County for about 65 acres in Chatham County

Indentures, 1845-1854

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1845 June 5 between Obadiah Page Jr. and his wife Elizabeth Page of Wake County and Christopher Barbee of Chatham County for a tract of land in Orange County

1848 March 11 between Willis Sorrell and his wife Martha of Wake County and Christopher Barbee of Chatham County for a tract of land in Chatham County

1849 February 26 between Henry Castlebury of Wake County and William A. Barbee of Chatham County for a tract of land in Chatham County

1849 March 7 between Hillard G. Rogers and his wife Delaney of Wake County and William Harward Jr. of Chatham County for a tract of land adjoining Christopher Barbee

1850 February 18 between Mordecai Barbee of Chatham County and Christopher Barbee of the same county for a tract of land in Chatham County

1854 March 28 between Wesley Goodwin of Chatham County and R.D. Sears of the same county for a tract of land in Chatham County

Oversize

Indenture, 1805

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Land Records,

1805 February 14, Land Indenture in Chatham County between Mary and Matthew Barbee of Berk and Rutherford Counties and Israel Johnson of Wake County for three hundred fifty one acres

Indenture, 1819

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1819 July 2?, Land Indenture in Chatham County between Gray Barbee and James Barbee both of Chatham County

Indenture, 1823

PC. 2047.4

1823 October 14, Land Indenture in Chatham County between Robert Johnston and and Fielding Beasley both of Wake County

Deed, ca. 1790's

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Deed in Chatham County between Ephraim Beasley and Sanford Jenkins

Box

Deeds, 1818-1821, undated

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1818 December 5, James Herndon and Lee Johnson to Mordecai Barbee of Chatham County formerly Israel Johnson's place of residence

1821 August 18 Abel Johnson to Mordecai Barbee for a tract of land that was formerly Israel Johnson's

Oversize

Land Records,

PC. 2047.4

Deed, 1874

1874 November 25, Deed in Chatham County from M.T. Castlebury, L.D. Castlebury, and William Parish to W.A. Barbee for 37 acres

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Land Plats, 1813, undated

1813 March 20, A tract of land surveyed for Britain Harward on the Panther Creek in Chatham County

1847 Jan 13, Dicey Castlebury 104 land

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Plan of the tract of land divided among heirs of Christopher Barbee, 1814

1814 August 3, includes drawing of plat

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Agreement between Joseph Sorrell and Elijah Sorrell of Wake County and Christopher Barbee, 1838

Agreement for a parcel of land that fell to Amelia Barbee Johnson (Mrs. Joseph Sorrell) upon the death of her father, Mordecai Barbee

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Construction agreement, 1855

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Receipt for the purchase of land, 1859

Estate Records,

1859 November 26, received of William Barbee \$75 for interest in a tract of land in Wake County

Appointment to divide land of Milly Harward and John Carney Harward, Chatham County, 1866

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1866 August 28, commissioners appointed to divide the land among the heirs at law (drawing of divided land included)

Agreement to complete a dam and build a sawmill, 1867

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1867, January 28 between William A. Barbee of Chatham County and R.T.D. Sears of Chatham County to complete a dam on Panther Creek in Chatham County and build a sawmill at the north end of the dam In addition a cotton gin will be erected in connection to the sawmill

Miscellaneous, undated

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Items are fragments of paper that provide minimal information

Estate Records, 1828-1889, undated**Box**

Slave bills of sale, 1828-1857, undated

PC. 2047.1

1828 February 12 "Know all men by these presents that I William McCauley Administrator of Thomas Moore Deceased for and in consideration of the sum of \$370 to

Estate Records,

(?) in hand paid handed and delivered to Mordecai Barbee one Negro girl by the name of Hannah.... “

1830 June 29 “Received June 29, 1830 of Christopher Barbee of Chatham Two Hundred and Fifty dollars in full of the purchase money for a negro boy by the name of Abel...”

1840 December 22 “Know all men by these presents that I J.S. Bynum of Chatham County North Carolina for and in consideration of the sum of Seven hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold unto Franklin O’Kelly a certain negro man save by the name of Nat aged twenty eight years to negro to be delivered in as good health as usual unto the said Franklin O’Kelly...”

1857 May 23 “The Indenture made the 23rd day of May AD 1857 between Joseph Stedman of the first part and Christopher Barbee of the second part witness that the said Joseph Stedman for and in consideration of the sun of nine hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid hath bargained sold and delivered to the said Christopher Barbee a negro slave named Emsly age thirteen which I Joseph Stedman warrant to be sound in body and mind and the title of same is warranted to the said Christopher Barbee his heirs and assigns forever.”

undated “...warrant and defend the title of said negro Abel as administrator to the said Asy Eubank against all claim or claims of any person whatever (?) in the presence of us-J.C. Barbee”

Estate of Christopher Barbee, 1861-1963

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1860 November, Inventory of Christopher Barbee Estate

1860 December 5, List and Accounts of Sales of the property by them sold as executors of Christopher Barbee dec. at public auction

1860, Petition by the heirs of Christopher Barbee (his children) to divide his estate

1861 January, Bond to Matthew Barbee for the maintenance of Negro man, Dave For \$250

Estate Records,

1863 April, declaration of the administrators of the Christopher Barbee estate

Receipts of the Christopher Barbee estate, 1830-1859, undated

PC. 2047.1

Includes tax receipts and receipts on personal accounts

Estate of Franklin O'Kelly [brother-in law to William A. Barbee], 1844-1846

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1844 October 22, Bill due to the Estate of Franklin O'Kelly in the amount of \$15.75 for the making one coffin

1845, November Term, John Williams, Henry Williams, and John A. Williams to settle with Christopher Barbee and Bartlett Barbee Administrators to Franklin O' Kelly decd

1845 November 11, Warrant to John Williams to answer complaint of Christopher Barbee and Bartlett Barbee Administrators to Franklin O' Kelly decd

1846 February 20, Warrant to Christopher Barbee and Bartlett Barbee Administrators to Franklin O' Kelly decd to answer complaint of William O'Kelly

1846 March 9, The Estate of Franklin O'Kelly in debt to Mary O'Kelly

1846 August 10, Agreement between Carlton and Alfred Moring of Chatham County and Christopher Barbee and Bartlett Barbee Administrators to Franklin O' Kelly

1846 August 10, Agreement between Carlton and Alfred Moring of Chatham County and Christopher Barbee and Bartlett Barbee Administrators to Franklin O' Kelly

1846 August 10, Alfred Moring as guardian for Everett O'Kelly and Carlton and Christopher Barbee and Bartlett Barbee Administrators to Franklin O' Kelly

1846 August, Receipts for Christopher Barbee and Bartlett Barbee Administrators to Franklin O' Kelly

Receipts of the Franklin O'Kelly estate, 1843-1846

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Estate Records,

Includes tax receipts and receipts on personal accounts

Estate of Mordecai Barbee, 1830-1848

PC. 2047.1

1830, Order that Christopher Barbee, administrator of Mordecai Barbee have leave to tell the Negro slaves of said deceased

1830 October 5, Special Court at Clerk's office orders that Christopher Barbee, administrator of Mordecai Barbee Estate have leave to sell the perishable estate of said deceased

1830, Mordecai Barbee account list with Alfred Moring totaling \$6.55

1831, Mordecai Barbee account list with Herndon Owen totaling \$30.45

1832 November, Cash paid to the use of the Estate of Mordecai Barbee

1833 August, Petition to divide land among the heirs of Mordecai Barbee totaling about 700 acres

Ca. 1836, Guardian return of Jepe(?) Weatherspoon in account with the Heirs of Mordecai Barbee

1841 December 18, bond between Joseph Sorrell and Willis Sorrell and Christopher Barbee regarding 96 acres, Martha Sorrell's (Mrs. Willis Sorrell) part of her father, Mordecai Barbee's estate

1848 November 27, Bond between Christopher Barbee and William Hobson both of Chatham County for land known as Elizabeth Johnson land

Receipts of the Mordecai Barbee estate, 1829-1850

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Includes tax receipts and receipts on personal accounts and the guardianship of heirs

Court Records,

Receipts of William A. Barbee, 1844-1884, undated

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Includes tax receipts and receipts on personal accounts

Receipts of Rufus H. Barbee, 1865-1889

PC. 2047.1

Includes tax receipts and receipts on personal accounts

Receipts misc.

PC. 2047.1

Includes tax receipts and receipts on personal accounts for non-Barbee family members

Court Records, 1834-1888

Box

Power of attorney, 1834

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1834 November 21, Power of attorney from Allen Wiley and Elizabeth Johnson Wiley of the State of Tennessee to John Clifton[Having to do with the Israel Johnson Estate]

Statement from the Clerk of Court certifying Jones Watson as Justice of the Peace for Orange County, 1860

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Court summons, 1848-1866

PC. 2047.2

Family Correspondence and Papers,

The majority are complaints filed by William A. Barbee to recover debt from various people

Acknowledgement of deed and Private Examination to be taken by Justice of the Peace, 1877

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1877 June 15, Justice of the Peace examination of Flora L. Beavers without the presence of her husband, J.W. Beavers

Bankruptcy warrant, 1867

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1867 November 9, Estate of Matthew Barbee warrant in bankruptcy

Subpoena for plaintiff, 1872

PC. 2047.2

1872, January 6, Subpoena for plaintiff to Sandy C., Riley Suit, Simpson Weatherspoon, Morgan Herndon, and John Morgan in the suit of W. A. Barbee, plaintiff v. W.M. Barbee, Defendant

Lien bond, R.H. Barbee, 1888

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1888 April 21, Lien bond between R.H. Barbee and C. R. Scott, W.A. Barbee, C.L. Williams, W. Yates, and J.D. Yates for the cultivation of a crop not to exceed Twenty dollars

Family Correspondence and Papers, 1859-1906

Confederate Papers and Family Memorabilia,

Correspondence primarily consist of Civil War era letters from the battlefield and are written by William A. Barbee and his son Thomas C. Barbee. One letter is from J.C. Castlebury to his Aunt Eliza Barbee. Mr. Castlebury is the son of Eliza Barbee's sister (Patsy Harward Castlebury). Writings and musings are included. Some are from an unknown source; while others are potentially by Rufus Barbee when he was a student at the Ruffin Badge Institute. Other miscellaneous items include Confederate memorabilia such as a Confederate ten dollar bill and a linen cap worn by Miss Patsy Barbee (second wife of William A.) when she was a baby.

Confederate Papers and Family Memorabilia, ca. 1855-1864**Box**

PC. 2047.2

Confederate States of America War Department, Permission to visit North Carolina, 1861

1861 August 29, "W.A. Barbee has permission to visit North Carolina upon his honor as a man, that he will not communicate in writing or verbally for publication, fact ascertained by him." Signed L.P. Walker, Secretary of War

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Certificate receipts for Confederate bonds, 1864

1864 March 25, "This will certify the W.A. Barbee has paid in at this office one hundred dollars for which amount Registered Bonds of the Confederate States of America, bearing interest from this date, at the rate of four per cent. Per annum, will be issued to him, under the "act to reduce the currency and to authorize a new issue of Notes and Bonds, approved February 17, 1864," upon the surrender of the certificate at this office." Signed C.B. Harrison Depositary

1864 March 30, Bond for \$700 by W.A. Barbee

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Confederate Ten Dollars

Writings,

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Cap worn by Patsy Barbee as a baby ca. 1855

Note included: "Cap worn by Patsy E. (Beavers) Barbee when she was a baby. Born May 23, 1855, Died July 23, 1914"

Writings, 1860-1869, undated**Box**

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Writings by H.B. Barbee, 1860

1860 July 21, "On Learning"

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Writing from the Ruffin Badger Institute, 1869

1869 February 24, Ruffin Badger Institute, "Let Me Think" by Rufus H. Barbee, Chatham County N.C.

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Minutes from a meeting of the Ruffin Badger Institute, 1869

1869 September 18, A meeting of students of R.B.I. "The meeting was called to order by J. M. Moring Esq. and R.H. Barbee secretary"

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Writings – Unknown author, undated

Poems, plays, and musings

Correspondence,

Correspondence, 1859-1906

Box

Correspondence, 1859-1860

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1859 March 11, Saxaphaw NC, John Newlin ?? to Mr C. Barbee regarding building materials

1860 July 19, Beech Bluff Arkansas, Addison C. Barbee to H.B. Barbee regarding life in Arkansas and family matters

1860 August 24, Beech Bluff Arkansas, Addison C. Barbee to H.B. Barbee regarding life in Arkansas and family matters

Civil War Letters, 1861-1865

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1861 October 16 Camp Hill, Virginia, J.C. Castlebury to Aunt Eliza(Eliza Barbee) regarding life at camp, rations, battles that had been fought, and life at home

1861 October 30, Manassas Junction, Thomas Barbee to his mother, Eliza Barbee regarding being sick with yellow jaundice asking about home life

1862 January 5, Camp Fisher, Thomas C. Barbee to Henry B. Barbee regarding a Christmas party the men had at the Camp and him getting over the mumps

1862 November 2, Camp near Culpepper Courthouse, Thomas C. Barbee to his mother and father, Eliza and William A. Barbee regarding the hike to camp and the price of clothing and food

1862 December 9, Camp Fisher, Thomas C. Barbee to his father, William A. Barbee regarding life at camp, the weather and wishing he could come home to visit

Correspondence,

1862 December 18, Camp near Fredericksburg, Thomas C. Barbee to his mother and father, Eliza and William A. Barbee describing being in the line of battle recently and trading tobacco for whiskey with the Yankees

1862 December 28, Camp near Fredericksburg, Thomas C. Barbee to his sister, Margaret A. Barbee asking about home and family

1865 January 5, Camp near Petersburg, Va., Thomas C. Barbee to his mother, Eliza Barbee discussing a variety of things. Of particular interest is news of a Negro man being sold. He says he doesn't believe anyone should own more than one Negro and is glad his brother owns one

1865 February 10, Salisbury, Rowan County, W.A. Barbee to his wife, Eliza Barbee on life at the prison, business at home and wanting to hear from his son (Thomas Barbee)

1865 March 12, Camp near Healing Springs, W.A. Barbee to his wife, Eliza Barbee talking about hunting deserters near the Yadkin River and being close to Sherman's lines. He is worried about keeping their home safe for he fears a time when Yankees will begin pilfering everything in North Carolina

Correspondence, 1867-1868

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1867 August 26, Raleigh, W.D. Williams to W.A. Barbee regarding a settlement

1867 September 5, Dallas County Arkansas, James M. Lea to Wm Barbee regarding a settlement as administrator on the estate of Christopher Barbee

1868 April 19, Cary P. Office, North Carolina, To "My dear Cousin", [Ruffin Barbee] part of the letter is missing

Correspondence, 1870-1871

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1870 March 17, San Marino, R.W. York(?) to R.H. Barbee regarding grammar books he is sending by Express C.O.D.

Ledgers and Account Books,

1870 May 20, Herman Mississippi, To Clingman from Pelt regarding being in Mississippi, the ladies back in North Carolina and the potential to grow cotton out there

1871 February 23, M. Wagner, manufacturer of the Sun Light Oil to R.H. Barbee regarding becoming an agent of Cumberland County

Correspondence, 1881-1886

PC. 2047.2

1881 May 18, Salene, Dalis County Arkansas, Teck(?) Barbee to his cousin, Rufus regarding family matters and growing cotton

1881 November 8, Salene, Dalis County Arkansas, B. Barbee to Brother William writing about the crops, lack of rain and a man named John Moring

1886 April 2, Hadley's Mill, Chatham County NC, W.A. Smith to his uncle, R.H. Barbee writing about being at school and all of the pretty girls

Correspondence, 1906

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1906 January 26, Lexington NC, W.A. Smith to his grandfather, W.A. Barbee regarding becoming a pastor at the Berkley Avenue Baptist Church in Norfolk Va. and childhood visits to his house

Ledgers and Account Books, 1825-1896

There are nine account or ledger books from 1825-1896. While some of the account books belonged to William Barbee, and one belonged to Franklin O'Kelly, the source of several are unknown. Some of the books contain a list of building materials, and others are list of food supplies. Two of the ledgers (1853, 1859) belonging to William Barbee contains several items of interest such as agreements to rent horses, stable, and land. Another item of interest is a letter addressed to "Dear Brothers". Additionally

Ledgers and Account Books,

Mr. Barbee's books contain recordings of snow fall, poems, notes from church sermons, a story copied from American Messenger, and a Letter re: Ruffin Badger Institute.

Oversize

Accounting Records of Franklin O'Kelly, 1825

PC. 2047.3

7 pages string tied

"Franklin O'Kelly account respecting the business between Leslie O'Kelly's estate and myself as executor of his last will and testament"

Account Book, 1833

PC. 2047.3

4 pages string tied

Account Book, 1834

PC. 2047.3

8 pages string tied

Account Book for W.A. Barbee, 1853

PC. 2047.3

over 100 pages bound

"Wm A Barbee His count book the September the 11 date 1853"

In addition to names and accounts included are recordings of snow fall, poems, notes from church sermons, a story copied from American Messenger, and a Letter re: Ruffin Badger Institute.

Ledgers and Account Books,

PC. 2047.3

Account Book, 1857

about 70 pages bound

Primarily listed under names of individuals are building materials

PC. 2047.3

Ledger Belonging to W.A. Barbee, 1859

over 100 pages bound

Items listed are mainly building materials. Some other items of interest are agreements to rent horses, stable, and land. Another item of interest is a letter addressed to “Dear Brothers”.

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Account Book, 1860

about 43 pages string tied

Primarily listed under names of individuals are building materials

PC. 2047.3

Account Book, 1872-1873

over 30 pages string tied

Items listed are primarily food in large quantities

PC. 2047.3

Account Book for W.A. Barbee, 1884-1895

about 45 pages small bound

Walter J. Barbee Correspondence and Papers,

Possibly a store ledger book with notes in the back of the book about various people such as R.H. Barbee working for him

Walter J. Barbee Correspondence and Papers, 1907-1924

The papers of Walter J. Barbee include some personal correspondence; however, bulk of his papers in this box pertain to his service in the Army during WWI and his later stay at the U.S. Veteran's Hospital in Oteen, NC. Many of the items are business papers, notes, and receipts from various military and veteran's offices regarding housing and compensation. There is a number of miscellaneous items including a French railroad pass, ac Christmas dinner menu from Oteen, and writings and musings. Photographs and postcards belonging to Walter J. Barbee are included.

Correspondence, 1913-1923, undated**Box**

Correspondence, 1907-1908

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The majority of the letters are from Walter Jackson Barbee's mother, Patsy Barbee in Morrisville NC. She is mainly exchanging pleasantries and greetings to his new wife. In the later letters, she is requesting that he and his wife, Virginia come live with her. One letter is written to the Globe Furniture Company in Evansville, IN from Walter Jackson inquiring about a job. There is one notice written to Mrs. W.A. Barbee from W.B. Bagwell from the B.L. Tyree Company regarding an outstanding bill.

Correspondence, 1913-1918

PC. 2047.2

Papers,

Three letters are from a friend named, Anna Barr in Reading, Pa. Others letters are pertaining to real estate in Durham and one letter is in regard to hiring Mr. Barbee to build a house.

Correspondence, 1921-1923

PC. 2047.2

Four letters are from a friend in named Anna Barr in Reading, Pa. Other correspondence includes letters from Army friends, a welcome letter from a bank in Ashville, and a letter regarding his children's birth certificates from the NC State Board of Health.

Papers, 1914-1926, undated

Box

Receipts, 1914-1924

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Writings by Walter Jackson Barbee, undated

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“How The Monarch Lost His Hair”

“Don’t Wait To ‘Say It With Flowers’”

“Something About You”

“Remorse”

“What Happened To Three Of My Delinquent Customers”

Military records for Walter Jackson Barbee, 1917-1926, 1946

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Primarily includes correspondence pertaining to his stay at U.S. Veterans Hospital in Oteen, NC where Mr. Barbee was treated with Pulmonary Tuberculosis. Other

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correspondence is various notices first from the U.S War Department and later from the Veterans Bureau. Of particular interest is a letter awarding Mr. Barbee his Victory Button .

Box

Photos, 1917-1923, undated

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Box

Family members, ca. 1920's

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There are various images of children and portraiture of Mr. Barbee.

Army, 1917- ca.1920

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Squadron and group pictures of fellow solders

U.S. Veteran's Hospital, Oteen, NC, ca. 1921-1924

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Photos of the exterior of the hospital as well as nurses and staff members

Postcards, 1922-ca. 1924

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Postcards are from various sources around the county and are addressed to Mr. Barbee at U.S. Veterans Hospital in Oteen, NC.

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Land Records,

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Indenture, 1805	PC. 2047.4
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Indenture, 1823	PC. 2047.4
Deed, 1874	PC. 2047.4
Deed, undated	PC. 2047.4
Ledger and Account Books,	
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Account book, 1833	PC. 2047.3
Account book, 1834	PC. 2047.3
Account book for W.A. Barbee, 1853	PC. 2047.3
Account book, 1857	PC. 2047.3
Ledger belonging to W.A. Barbee, 1859	PC. 2047.3

Ledger and Account Books,

Account book, 1860

PC. 2047.3

Account book, 1872-1873

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Account book for W.A. Barbee, 1884-1895

PC. 2047.3